ISI activities in Bangladesh

2016. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have regularly been receiving reports of increased ISI activities in Bangladesh and tacit support extended to them by the authorities;

(b) whether Pakistan nationals owning allegiance to different terrorist outfits have been using Dhaka as a transit point for entering India and Nepal; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in collaboration with the State Government of West Bengal to meet such an alarming situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) The Government has received periodic reports regarding ISI activities in Bangladesh. However, the Government of Bangladesh has been reaffirming their commitment not to allow any activities prejudicial to India's interests on their territory.

(b) No verified reports have been received in this regard.

(c) Our concerns in this regard have been conveyed to the Government of Bangladesh and the Government continues to monitor the situation and take appropriate steps in consultation with the Government of West Bengal. These steps include strengthening of border management, gearing up of the intelligence machinery and modernisation and upgradation of the police and security forces with advanced weapons and communication systems.

Illegal immigration to UAE

2017. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of illegal immigrants were sent back by United Arab Emirates to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many of them were from Andhra Pradesh; and